

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (amended): A wet cup throat seal and bearing assembly [for use on] in combination with a reciprocating piston pump having a housing and a displacement rod which reciprocates along an axis, said assembly comprising:

a wet cup threadedly engaged in said housing, said wet cup comprising a space around  
said displacement rod for retaining fluid during normal use;

a[n] plastic bearing having a shoulder and a cut parallel to said axis; and

a throat seal, wherein said bearing and said throat seal are disposed around said  
displacement rod and retained between said [housing] displacement rod and said  
wet cup.

Claim 2 (original): The wet cup throat seal and bearing assembly of claim 1 wherein said throat seal is a U-cup seal.

Claim 3 (original): The wet cup throat seal and bearing assembly of claim 1 wherein said bearing is formed from acetal.